

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

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Special Issue Armed Forces Week

Message from County Executive Walker

Last week was Armed Forces Week. I had the honor of attending a number of events to recognize the vital role that the men and women of our armed forces play and have played in all of our lives. In this issue, you will find information on a number of events that help honor those who serve and our veterans.

In my State of the County Address, I proclaimed 2007 as the Year of the Armed Forces and Veterans and in the coming months, we will celebrate this at events including the National Veteran's Wheelchair Games in June and Operation Freedom in July.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the men and women of our Armed Forces who help keep us free.

Scott



Walker Attends Sijan Hall Dedication



Scott Walker with members of the Sijan Family and representatives of the 128th Air Refueling Wing

Last week County Executive Scott Walker spoke at the dedication of Sijan Hall at the 128th Air Refueling Wing in Milwaukee.

The Hall is named in honor of Milwaukee native Captain Lance P. Sijan, who was the first graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy to receive the Medal of Honor posthumously for heroism above and beyond the call of duty.

Sijan died in captivity in January, 1968 while a Prisoner of War in Hanoi. Sijan flew 52 missions during the Vietnam War.

Walker Attends Events During Armed Forces Week



Scott Walker Speaks at the ESGR Breakfast

County Executive Scott Walker attended the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) breakfast last week at the Wisconsin Club. The mission of the ESGR is to gain and maintain active support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve. Milwaukee County is an active partner in supporting its employees who serve in Guard and Reserve units and Walker has been an outspoken advocate for this important civic duty.

Walker also attended the 128th Air Refueling Wing Civic Dinner and Dance, held this year at the 440th Airlift Wing in Milwaukee.

This Memorial Day, Walker will be attending a number of events throughout the county:

He will be participating in the Tippecanoe Memorial Day Parade and the Milwaukee Parade through downtown Milwaukee.

In addition, he will be attending the Wood United Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony on the VA Grounds.

Upcoming Events

National Veterans Wheelchair Games

The 2007 National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG) will take place from June 19 – 23 in and around Milwaukee County, with some events being held in Milwaukee County Parks and the Milwaukee County Zoo. The NVWG are being hosted by the Milwaukee VA Medical Center and the Wisconsin Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

For more information or registration materials, contact the PVA at (800) 424-8200 x752 or x657; or Brian Walker at the VA Medical Center at (414) 389-4009, email brian.walker@va.gov, or visit their website at www.wheelchairgames.org.

Operation Freedom



Milwaukee County, in conjunction with the Military Order of the Purple Heart, will again host Operation Freedom at the Milwaukee County Zoo. The event Sunday, July 1, 2007 is free to Wisconsin Armed Forces – active duty Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, Reserves, Veterans, and their families, as our way of saying thank you for their service. Military personnel and their families will enjoy free admission to zoo, parking, picnic and program. To volunteer or obtain wristbands for free admittance, call (414) 299-9052.